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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed December 2, 2005 and Advisory Action mailed January 13, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application for submission with a request for continued examination (RCE). Entry and consideration of the amendment is respectfully requested.

In addition, a Petition for an Extension of Time (3 months) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and the required fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) are filed herewith to extend the time for response until June 2, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.